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## BASEBALL WAR IS THREATENED

### Big Minor Leagues Demand Higher Classification

American Association And Eastern League, If They Refuse To Abide By Decision Of National Commission, Will Be Treated As Outlaws—May Then Prepare To Retaliate By Invading Territory Now Considered As Exclusively Belonging To Majors

Cincinnati, O., Jan. 3.—At the opening of the annual meeting of the national baseball commission here today, it was freely predicted that the American association and Eastern league magnates will be turned down in response to their joint demand for a higher classification. If they take the bull by the horns and withdraw from the National Association of Minor Leagues, the commission will declare that they are outlaws and have forfeited a right to protection under the national agreement which governs organized baseball. These big minor leagues have grown so rapidly that the commission and the two major leagues regard them with apprehension. It is feared that if they are permitted to break away from the other minor leagues it will be a difficult task to keep them in subjection, and that in due time they will summon up enough courage to invade major league territory.

The new census shows that the Eastern league and the American association control thickly-populated territory, and that there is sufficient patronage to make all of the clubs in those circuits more valuable than ever before. The association embraces Kansas City, Indianapolis, Milwaukee, Louisville, Columbus, Toledo and St. Paul. Of these Kansas City, Indianapolis, Louisville and several in the Eastern league are former National league cities, and are believed to be hankering again for major league ball. By the process of expansion both circuits can be greatly strengthened, and that is the principal reason why the big fellows do not want to grant even the smallest concessions.

Question Has Been Discussed. The association men have often discussed the probable result of an invasion of Chicago, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati or Detroit, while baseball sharps have frequently predicted that some of these days the Eastern league would try to locate new clubs in New York and Brooklyn. If such invasions should materialize, it is pointed out that a combination of the best cities in the two circuits would form a new and powerful major league which would have to be crushed or admitted to the charmed circle with the National and American leagues. The growth of

baseball, it is argued by advocates of the big minors, wants a wider scope in the promotion of major league ball, and as more young players are springing up now than in former years, it is believed that the necessary high-class talent would not be hard to find.

The American association and the Eastern league are naturally anxious to better themselves by securing a new status that will elevate them higher above the other minor leagues than now, just as the American league did, and which will place them just below the big leagues in point of class and importance. These powerful minors believe that they are entitled to recognition and are prepared to fight for their rights if the moguls at Cincinnati refuse to grant their appeals.

#### WHAT KILLED HUXSEY?

Aviators Incline to Theory That Heart Failure Was Responsible.

Los Angeles, Jan. 3.—Roy Knabenshue, manager of the Wright aviation exhibition troupe, made the startling assertion that Arch Hoxsey, who was killed on Saturday, died from heart disease while 2,000 feet in the air. To this he attributes the apparently uncontrolled rush of the machine to the ground, which caused its complete destruction.

Hubert Latham and Glenn H. Curtiss, both of whom studied the descent very closely, are inclined to agree with Knabenshue or to think that Hoxsey lost consciousness while at a great height owing to an attack of "mountain sickness."

#### Five Children Die in Fire.

Pottsville, Pa., Jan. 3.—The five children of John Maskensavage lost their lives at Minersville, near here, in a fire which destroyed three houses in the foreign quarter of the town. The children ranged in age from two months to eight years. The infant was burned almost to a crisp, while the other four were slightly burned, death having been caused by suffocation.

Trust After New Potash Find. Berlin, Jan. 3.—A powerful syndicate is forming here to secure for the German potash trust the great potash deposits which have lately been discovered near Godesberg, Canada. German geologists have recently been examining the beds and report them as among the richest in the world.

## MEXICAN REVOLUTIONISTS PLAY SEE-SAW GAME

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 3.—With the rebels disorganized and working only in small bands throughout western Chihuahua and eastern Sonora, the war has resolved itself into a sort of give-and-take game. Reports bring fresh information of the capture of Batopilas by the federals from the rebels and the repulse at Casas Grandes of the rebels by the federals who attacked the place. Both these towns are in Chihuahua.

From La Trinidad, Sonora, comes the verified report that the rebels have captured the mining camps of Ocampo and La Republica, and from Torreon comes the report of the looting

by rebels of the Malayo ranch in the Matamoros municipality and the San Ramon ranch in the Lerdo municipality. Chihuahua reports only an occasional brush with rebels, but no serious fighting.

#### Lorraine Quits as Aviator.

London, Jan. 3.—It is announced here that Robert Lorraine, the actor, has withdrawn all his entries for flying meets in 1911. His reasons for this action are said to be private, but it is further said that Lorraine will retire permanently from the aviation field.



ARCH HUXSEY  
Famous Aviator, Who Was Killed Last Saturday at Los Angeles, California.

## AVIATORS GIVE THRILLERS AT LOS ANGELES MEET

Los Angeles, Jan. 3.—James E. Hoxsey, the English aviator, speed king of the aviation meet, narrowly escaped a fire like Hoxsey's when a gust of wind which struck the right wing of his Bleriot monoplane tilted it to a dangerous angle. Only Hoxsey's alertness, the result of a warning to be careful at that point, averted an accident. He succeeded in righting his machine and making a safe landing.

Parmalee and Brookings, with the memory of Hoxsey still vivid, gave farewell thrills, including the spiral dip and ocean wave. All the aviators have not been made. It is certain that if Hoxsey had lived he would

have taken both the night and endurance prizes.

#### Disciple of Mrs. Eddy Dies.

Boston, Jan. 3.—Captain Joseph S. Eastman, one of Mrs. Eddy's original students, and for 25 years a Christian Science healer, is dead at his home in Somerville. His widow says that her husband's death was due largely to the recent death of Mrs. Eddy. Captain Eastman took the church leader's death greatly to heart, and a week later began to fail. His grief was such that no ministrations were successful in averting the end, and it came easily four weeks from the night Mrs. Eddy died.

## COUNTY BEHIND

Columbus, O., Jan. 3.—The abolishing of the fee system in county offices in Huron county was not a success financially. The report of State Examiner Ralph H. Cope shows that it cost the county \$5,852.71 more than the fee system would have done. The examiner found discrepancies in the county accounts which amounted to \$1,554.08. This amount, he says, should be refunded.

#### AS YOU LIKE IT

More than 5,000 persons attended the Taft New Year reception at the White House.

Mrs. Emeline Morris is dead at Youngstown, O., as the result of a fall on an icy pavement.

Billy Pierce of Boston has signed a contract to manage Jack Johnson's pugilistic affairs after March 1.

During the year 1910 more than 1,700 unlicensed dogs were put to death at the Columbus (O.) pound.

Warden Jones of the Ohio penitentiary proposes to establish a day school in the "idle" house at that institution.

## BANK OPENS

Ashtabula, O., Jan. 3.—Today witnessed the opening here of the first postal savings bank in Ohio, this city having been designated by the postal bank commission as the trial place for Ohio. The first day's business has been fully up to expectations.

## WESTERN STATES IN GRIP OF ELIZZARD

Ice Zone Extends Far Into Mexican Republic.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 3.—With a temperature of 5 degrees below zero, Kansas City is facing a famine in natural gas, which is generally used for heating and lighting, and coal dealers are swamped with orders. The gas company has warned consumers in the outlying portions, covering an area of probably 30 square miles, that they will be almost wholly without gas.

The temperature fell 50 degrees in eight hours. The prediction of the weather bureau is that the temperature will hover around the zero mark for three days and possibly more.

In the cattle country northwest of Salina a strong, bitter wind from the north prevailed, blowing a light snow into drifts. There is much suffering among the cattle on the ranges, where the temperature fell to 10 below zero.

#### Six Trains Stalled.

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 3.—The worst storm of several winters has the northwest in its grip. Trains are from two to seven hours late, streetcars are having their difficulties, and the storm handicaps both telegraph and telephone service. A 40-mile-an-hour gale and a heavy fall of snow have made traffic difficult. Six trains are reported stalled on the Illinois Central between Sioux City and Fort Dodge. Several trains to South Dakota points have been abandoned and those arriving are from six to eight hours late.

#### Fire Accompanies Blizzard.

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 3.—As a result of the blizzard which involved this section of the northwest, it is estimated that \$1,000,000 has been lost through fire. The Columbia hotel, valued at \$150,000, at Moorhead, Minn., was completely destroyed. The Metropolitan block in Duluth, valued at \$200,000, was burned. The business section of Bismarck was swept by a \$50,000 blaze, and there were scores of smaller fires throughout the three states with from \$5,000 to \$50,000 loss.

#### Mexicans Feel Wintry Blasts.

San Antonio, Jan. 3.—With flurries of snow, one of the severest blizzards in many years is sweeping this section of Texas. The temperature reached 15 degrees, a record for January. In Mexico the frost is reported as far south as Saltillo, and ice is reported as far south as Monterey. With practically no clothes and with out fires the suffering among the poor in old Mexico is great. The deaths from exposure will at least number 100.

#### Two Freeze to Death.

Butte, Mont., Jan. 3.—Extreme cold weather continues. The thermometer in Butte registers 18 degrees below zero, and 10 miles south 35 degrees below. James McDonald, an old man, died as a result of exposure, and an unknown prospector was found frozen to death 16 miles south of Butte.

#### HIS DREAM REALIZED

Hitchcock's Postal Savings Banks Opened Today.



Photo by American Press Association.

## BANQUET ON BEAR

Washington, C. H., O., Jan. 3.—A bear has been received here. It will be the chief delicacy tomorrow night when the Improved Order of Red Men hold their annual banquet.

#### Spain Gets New Cabinet.

Madrid, Jan. 3.—Premier Canalejas took to the royal palace a list of names of the members of the new cabinet. With the following exceptions the ministry will remain as before the cabinet resigned: The minister of the interior will be Alonzo Castiello, who takes the place of Senor Merino; the minister of finance will be Senor Casset, while Amos Salvador takes the portfolio of public instruction. Early this morning the new ministers took the oath of office.

## HOUSE FAVORS JOINT CAUCUS

### Democrats Will Pick Dick's Successor Thursday

Candidates Not Consulted—Meeting Will Be Held Day Earlier Than Date Selected by Rankin and Pomerene—Speaker Vining Tells Majority Members Of Lower House That Pledges Must Be Fulfilled To Avoid False Pretenses Charge From People Of Ohio

Columbus, O., Jan. 3.—House Democrats held a caucus and decided to concur with their brethren in the senate in the call for a joint senatorial caucus to be held at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon. This makes it one day earlier than requested by Atlee Pomerene of Canton and E. W. Hanley of Dayton, both candidates for Senator Dick's toga.

Representatives Winter of Erie county, Smith of Butler county and White of Sandusky county opposed the action, holding that it was wrong to have a caucus previous to the voting at the session of the assembly next Tuesday, set for the election of a United States senator. An effort to have the caucus held next Monday failed.

#### DECLARES HIMSELF

Speaker Vining Tells House Members What to Expect.

Columbus, O., Jan. 3.—Speaker Samuel J. Vining of the house of representatives has tersely declared his attitude on the question of platform pledges. He says that it is the plain duty of the Democratic members of the legislature to make good every promise contained in the party platform; that if they do not the people will decide that the Democratic party went into power in Ohio under false pretenses.

In his opening address before the house he deprecated partisanship in legislation, criticized professional lobbyists and declared emphatically that no bill should be pigeonholed in committee, but that the fate of every bill should be decided openly upon the floor of the house. He urged special attention to legislation in behalf of agriculture, labor and the moral welfare of the state, and urged economy in all directions.

He said the session should be as short as possible, consistent with carrying out the platform pledges and making needed changes in other laws. He declared for "equal rights for all, special privileges for none."

#### Senators Bar Reporters.

Certain senators who have been severely criticized by newspapers because of their legislative records in former sessions are believed to be behind the movement which resulted in changing the senate rules so that newspaper men can be more easily barred from the floor in that branch. The resolution, which carried, provides that newspaper reporters and stenographers are to receive their

#### SAMUEL J. VINING

Speaker of House in the Seventy-ninth General Assembly.



credentials hereafter from the standing committee on privileges and elections, instead of from the president of the senate, as has been the custom up to this time.

The promises contained in the Democratic state platform are as follows: A law fixing the maximum tax rate at 10 mills; a public utilities law; ratification of the income tax amendment to the federal constitution; to add in securing a constitutional convention of the states to adopt an amendment providing for the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people. The platform says the Democratic party favors a uniform schoolbook law, the principle of the initiative and referendum, the extension of the teaching of agriculture, the promotion of a nonpartisan judiciary by the placing of the names of all judicial candidates on a separate ballot without party distinction, and a law limiting the hours of labor of employed women.

## NEW YORK HARBOR IN A DENSE FOG

New York, Jan. 3.—A fleet of battleships could not have blockaded the port of New York more successfully than did the fog. For more than 24 hours the gray pall that overhung the bays and rivers and the sound and extended far out to sea had bottled up traffic by water so well that only one vessel, the El Sol, from Galveston, succeeded in getting by quarantine, though there were nearly a dozen steamers outside the bar all

day waiting for a lift of the fog. Not a vessel left the port. There were only three ships scheduled to sail, but none of them dared leave her moorings.

#### Apple Trees in Tasmania.

Tasmanians plant apple trees close together. The average orchard is set out ten feet apart instead of twenty or forty feet, and as many as 600 bushels are sometimes gathered from a single acre.